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## Delaware Sign Law During Election Season

- Signs may be placed 30 days prior to an election and 30 days after an election, in the electoral district in which the election is taking place.
- No sign may ever be placed within 10 feet from the edge of roadway, unless the sign is on private property.

### Signs are **NEVER** allowed:

- On Utility poles, light poles, traffic signal poles, or road signs.
- On bridges or any overpass
- In medians or islands

For more information on sign placement, see 17 Del. Code, Sections 524-527 and 1111C.

Signs placed illegally are not only unattractive, but can be dangerous to motorists and pedestrians.

For Questions about the sign laws, contact your nearest DelDOT office:

New Castle – 302-326-4688

Kent – 302-760-2443

Sussex – 302-853-1340

### The Fines:

Each sign that is in violation results in a fine of \$25, and a \$15 recovery fee.



## The Delaware Sign Law



This diagram applies to the exemption during an ELECTION CYCLE.

A Typical Divided Highway

The diagram illustrates a cross-section of a divided highway. On the left side, a yellow car is in the travel lane, and a green car is in the shoulder. On the right side, a blue car is in the travel lane, and a large white truck is in the shoulder. The center of the highway is divided by a green grassy median. Red 'X' marks are placed over the signs for 'NO LEFT TURN' and 'NO RIGHT TURN' on both sides of the highway, indicating that these signs are not applicable during an election cycle. The word 'SHOULDER' is written on both sides of the highway. A 10' dimension line is shown on both sides, indicating the width of the shoulder.

## A Typical Divided Highway

**DelDOT Owned  
Right - Of - Way**

**NEVER place signs on utility / traffic signal poles, traffic signs, bridges, overpasses, medians or channel islands.**

## Median

## Never Place Signs

Clear Zone

## Additional State Right of Way

Clear Zone

## Shoulder

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